



WIS 29 corridor preservation

Cadott to Thorp

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Freeway designation recommended

Recommended freeway designation plan

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Northwest Region is continuing to study the freeway designation and conversion of WIS 29 from Cadott to Thorp.

The WIS 29 corridor is one of Wisconsin's most important transportation routes. Currently, WIS 29 is declared a freeway from Interstate 94 east to Chippewa County X near Cadott. WisDOT is now studying the potential of designating a 22-mile section of WIS 29 as a freeway from Chippewa County X to Bruce Mound Avenue just west WIS 73 in Thorp.

Study update

At the May 2005 public information meeting, WisDOT presented a draft recommendation for future freeway conversion of WIS 29. This recommendation was developed through several meetings with local officials and entities.

WisDOT is currently preparing an environmental assessment and expects to have a draft for review in early spring. This draft will be the first step in preserving the corridor necessary for the future freeway conversion of WIS 29.

Freeway conversion entails removing at-grade driveways and intersections and replacing them with cul-de-sacs, grade-separated crossings (over/underpasses), or interchanges.

Designating WIS 29 as a freeway will not produce immediate physical changes to the highway. Construction of overpasses or changes to public highway access will not occur until well after the freeway designation is made, in most cases, 10 to 15 years or more. The graphic on the next page shows the location of the specific recommended improvements.

In fall 2005, archeologists surveyed many of the areas that could receive a future grade-separated crossing (over/underpass) or interchange. WisDOT also collected topographic information and roadway profiles and revised the design of the potential interchanges.

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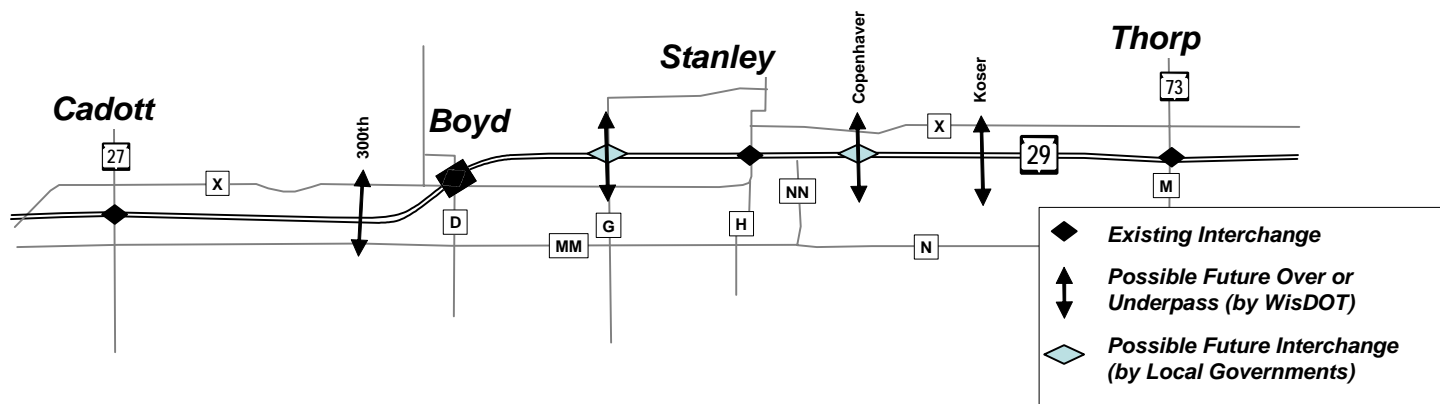
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Recommended freeway conversion improvements

Over the next 10 to 15 years or more, WisDOT would anticipate construction of over or underpasses at:

- 300th Street
- County G
- Copenhaver Avenue
- Koser Avenue

All other roadways connecting to WIS 29 that are not already interchanges or grade-separated would become cul-de-sacs. Local governments have expressed interest in adding interchanges at County G and Copenhaver. WisDOT would work with local governments to help them preserve lands for these interchanges.

